

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 30 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Each of the display devices 60 and 100 includes a rotating and translating symbol indicator 80. Symbol indicator 80 rotates about an axis 82. Additionally, symbol indicator 80 translates along a line or slot 84 defined by the panel of upper display area 32. This movement is in one embodiment parallel or substantially parallel to the movement of the symbols of the symbol display.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Indicator~~ Symbol indicator 80 includes a plurality of pointers 86, 88, 90 and 92. Pointers 86, 88, 90 and 92 sequentially point towards member 70 or 110 as the symbol indicator 80 spins about axis 82. Additionally, as the different pointers 86, 88, 90 and 92 point sequentially towards the reel 70 or video monitor 110, symbol indicator 80 as a whole translates up and down so that different positions on reel 70 or video monitor 110 are sequentially indicated. Those positions in turn display different symbols 72 at different times.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The view of Fig. 4 is from inside gaming device 10 at the inner wall of upper display area 32. Accordingly, slot 84 defined by the panel of upper display area 32 is illustrated. Although not illustrated, it should be appreciated that flaps or other suitable types of camouflage devices may be provided, so that the player cannot readily discern that slot 84 exists, cannot view into the inside of gaming device 10 and so that dirt and other debris cannot collect inside gaming device 10. It should also be appreciated that the display device will be mounted in a suitable protective housing (not shown) to protect the display device of the present invention from tampering and damage. The axis 82 of symbol indicator 80 is set by a mounting shaft 102 suitably affixed to the back

side of symbol indicator 80. Shaft 102 extends through slot 84 and is sized slightly smaller than the width of slot 84 so that shaft 102 can translate up or down within slot 84. Mounting shaft 102 of symbol indicator 80 is coupled to motor output shaft 104 of motion producing device 58b via a suitable flex coupler 106.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Stepper motor 58b is controlled by motion controller 56b, which receives pulse signals from processor 38 or a separate motion control processor (not illustrated). In any case, stepper motor 58b, as is the case with each of the motion producing devices (collectively referred to as motion producing devices 58), is controlled by a suitable computer program. The program can cause the rotation of symbol indicator 80 in a multitude of directions at a multitude of different times, at a multitude of different angular accelerations and angular velocities. In short, stepper motor 58b has the flexibility to produce any suitable type of desired rotational motion within the limits and capabilities of the speed-torque curve of motor 58b.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the illustrated embodiment motion producing device 58b is mounted to mount 108. Mount 108 includes a collar 112 which is journaled about a lead screw 114. A gusset 116 supports the mounting surface of mount 108 with respect to the load placed on such surface via the cantilever caused by motor 58b and symbol indicator 80. Mount 108 also includes a threaded portion or welded nut 118, which threadingly receives the shaft or lead screw 114. Shaft 114 is mounted at one end to a fixed bearing 120 and is coupled at the other end via a flex coupler 122 to output shaft 124 of motion producing device or stepper motor 58a.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 9–28 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Stepper motor 58a turns lead screw 114 within the threads of threaded device 118 to cause mount 108 to move up or down accordingly. A guide, not illustrated, is provided so that mount 108 does not wiggle about shaft 114 as the shaft turns and as mount 108 moves vertically. The lead screw arrangement in combination with stepper motor 58a provides a highly accurate and versatile mode of converting the rotational output of output shaft 124 of stepper motor 58a to the translational motion ultimately of symbol indicator 80.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

It should be appreciated that along with symbol indicator 80, the stepper motor 58a moves stepper motor 58b as well as mount 108 up and down. Accordingly, stepper motor 58a is sized appropriately for such task. As above with stepper motor 58b, stepper motor 58a is controlled by a suitable computer program, which can store complex motion profile programs that set the acceleration, velocity and ultimate distance that symbol indicator 80 translates within slot 84. Although not illustrated, display device 60 includes in one embodiment safety limit switches so that if the stepper motor 58a loses its ability to accurately know where mount 108 is with respect to the top and bottom of slot 84, the hard limit switches are triggered if shaft 102 of indicator 80 moves too close to either the top or bottom of slot 84.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 4, reel 70 of display device 60 is operated in the typical manner for operating slot machine reels, that is, via a single, centrally located stepper motor 58c, which rotates reel 70 about a pivot point 126. Reel 70 can be turned in either direction, at variable angular accelerations and velocities for any suitable number of rotations. The configuration of reel 70 in Fig. 4 is such that a fairly significant portion 128 of reel 70 extends outside of a large aperture 130 defined by the panel of upper display area 32. Such an extension 128 may not be desirable in combination with symbol indicator 80. That is, the extension 128 may make it difficult for the pointers 86,

88, 90 and 92 to appear to accurately point towards a given one of the symbols 72 on reel 70.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring now to Fig. 5, one alternative embodiment for structuring the reel 70 is illustrated. Reel 70 in Fig. 5 is elongated so that the display of symbols 72 is more conducive to having those symbols be indicated by the ~~translating~~symbol indicator 80. Reel 70 of Fig. 5 extends through a large aperture 130 as shown in Fig. 4. The bearings, rollers and motor of reel 70 of Fig. 5 are housed safely inside game device 10 as is motor 58c of reel 70 in Fig. 4.